

SENATE BILL 243

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By: **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and
Senators Conway, Ferguson, Gladden, McFadden, and Pugh**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2012

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Hotel Room Tax – Convention Center Promotion**

3 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain
4 fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax
5 imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated to a certain association for certain
6 purposes; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention center
7 marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 The Charter of Baltimore City
10 Article II – General Powers
11 Section (40)(e)
12 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

16 **Article II – General Powers**

17 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
18 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
19 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and
20 in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or
21 such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of
22 said Constitution and Public General Laws:

23 (40)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but before
2 [July 1, 2012,] **JULY 1, 2017**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate from its
3 General Fund to [the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association] **VISIT**
4 **BALTIMORE** specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion an
5 amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

6 (2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to
7 paragraph (1) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared to
8 actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the
9 appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation
10 made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection is more than the
11 amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the
12 difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second succeeding
13 fiscal year.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2012.